विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) जी, हां। ऐसे आठ विद्युत बोर्ड हैं जो ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की और अपनी देयताओं का परिसमापन कर पाए हैं।

(ख) राज्य बिजली बोर्ड अपनी नाजुक वित्तीय स्थिति तथा राज्य सरकार द्वारा ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण आर्थिक सहायता का भुगतान न किए जाने के कारण ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की बकाया राशियों का भुगतान कर पाने में असमर्थ है।

Problems arising due to defective meters

2128. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem arising out of defective meters causing serious losses to State Electricity Boards and general consumers;

(b) if so, details regarding magnitude and seriousness of the problem arising on this account-state-wise;

(c) the details of steps taken to overcome the problem in the light of the decision of the Supreme Court; and

(d) the agenda of action as worked out by the State Electricity Boards for 1997-98, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Financing of power projects

2129. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed limit of 40% for Indian Public, financial Institutes in Power Sector based on indigenous equipments;

(b) whether representations from various State Governments have been received for relaxation of the limit and to exclude funding from Indian Commercial Banks while calculating aggregate exposures of IPFI within permissible limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the decision and action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (e) The private power policy inter alia stipulates that an amount not exceeding 40% of the total outlay may come from Indian public financial institutions, but the remaining amount should be met from other sources. The Government of Gujarat had requested that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sourcing equipment from indigenous suppliers should be exempted from this limit. This request is under consideration.

Pipavav Power Project

2130. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pipavav Power Project was given gas allocation from Tapti gas field;

(b) if so, the time by which such allocation is likely to be made to the project; and

(c) if not, what other alternative arrangement Government have made or propose to make for running this power project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) In 1989, a decision was taken to allocate gas from Mid and south Tapti fields for a power project at Pipavav and to take Gandhar gas to the HBJ pipeline. In 1990, at the instance of the Gujarat Government and in view of the fact that the investment decision to develop the Tapti fields was yet to be taken. It was decided to allocate the Gandhar gas for two gas based power projects of 600 MW each in Gandhar instead of gas from Tapti fields. Although this decision was taken at their instance. the Government of Gujarat have been insisting on the allocation of gas from Tapti fields to the Pipavav power project. However, it has been decided to take the gas from the Tapti fields to the HBJ pipeline to meet the existing demands, in lieu of the gas from Gandhar fields which have been allocated to power projects in Gandhar. The Government of Gujarat have been advised to base the proposed power plant at Pipavav on alternative fuel. The allocation of gas to the project can be considered as and when the availability of gas increases.

विद्युत परियोजनाएं कार्यान्वित करने वाले विदेशी देश

2131. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) किन-किन देशों/विदेशी एजेंसियों द्वारा भारत सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता प्राप्त किए बगैर केवल अपने वित्तीय संसाधनों द्वारा देश में विद्युत परियोजनाओं का विकास/क्रियान्वयन किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इन परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन और उन्हें चलाने हेतु क्या शर्तें निर्धारित की गई हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ) : (क) देश में निजी विद्युत परियोजनाओं के विकास हेतु संयुक्त राष्ट्र अमेरिका, मॉरीशस, यूनइटेड किंगडम, जर्मनी, मलेशिया, बैल्जियम, फिनलण्ड, दक्षिण कोरिया, फ्रांस, चीन, कनाडा आदि जैसे देशों की कंपनियों से अनेक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं । किसी भी प्रस्तावित परियोजना के लिए भारत सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता की परिकल्पना नहीं की गई है ।

(ख) निजी विद्युत परियोजनाओं के विकास हेतु सभी परियोजनाओं के लिए भारत सरकार की समान नीति है तथा विदेशी निवेशकों द्वारा प्रस्तावित परियोजनाओं के लिए अलग से शर्तों का निर्धारण नहीं किया गया है ।

Privatisation of Generation and Distribution of Power

2132. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of privatisation of generation and distribution of power in the country has been under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision, if any taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) In the context of paucity of resources in the Public Sector, a policy to encourage private sec-